

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head comprising a housing, an agitator for agitating a floor surface, a chamber disposed in the housing for rotatably receiving the agitator, an opening ~~[[in]]~~ formed in a portion of the chamber~~[[,]]~~ adjacent the agitator~~[[, for]]~~ facing a floor surface, an air turbine ~~[[for]]~~ driving the agitator, an air inlet in the housing ~~[[for]]~~ admitting clean air to drive the turbine, a restricting device ~~[[for]]~~ fitting in a discharge outlet from the chamber, ~~and wherein the restricting device is arranged~~ being configured so as to be movable between a restrictive position, in which it serves to restrict the cross-section of the discharge outlet, and an open position, in which it restricts the cross-section of the discharge outlet to a lesser extent, the restricting device being movable by the flow of debris from the chamber.

2. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 1, wherein the restricting member comprises a guide vane which projects outwardly from a wall of the discharge outlet.

3. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 2, wherein the guide vane is resiliently biased into the restrictive position.

4. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 3, wherein the guide vane is connected to ~~[[a]]~~ the wall of the discharge outlet by a resilient member.

5. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 4, wherein the resilient member is a spring.

6. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 4, wherein the guide vane is mounted on, ~~or is the exposed surface of,~~ a piece of resilient material which is secured to a wall of the discharge outlet.

7. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 6, wherein the piece of resilient material is generally wedge-shaped.

8. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to any one of claims 2 to 7, further comprising a shielding member for shielding the space beneath the guide vane.

9. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 8, wherein the shielding member is a piece of compressible material which fits beneath the guide vane.

10. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 9, wherein the compressible material is a foam or a foam-like material.

11. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to any one of claims 2 to ~~[[10]]~~ 7, wherein the downstream end of the guide vane is connected to the wall of the discharge outlet by a flexible member.

12. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 11, wherein the guide vane and flexible member are formed integrally with one another from a resiliently flexible material.

13. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to any one of ~~the preceding claims 2 to 7, wherein~~ further comprising a plurality of restricting devices ~~[[are]]~~ arranged across the discharge outlet.

14. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaner ~~incorporating~~ comprising a vacuum cleaning head according to any one of ~~the preceding claims 2 to 7.~~

15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 4, wherein the guide vane is formed from an exposed surface of a piece of resilient material which is secured to a wall of the discharge outlet.

17. (New) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 16, wherein the piece of resilient material is generally wedge-shaped.